

**Grants of 13th and 14th Finance Commission and Backward Regions
Grant Fund to Telangana**

SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV (Telangana): * "Hon. Chairman, Sir, I thank you for giving me this opportunity. Sir, ₹ 2,027 crore are still due to be released to the State of Telangana as sanctioned under the 13th Finance Commission. Earlier, funds were not released citing that the local body elections were not conducted and also on the grounds that the High Court had issued a stay order. After the State of Telangana was formed, Local Body Elections were conducted. Hence, I request the Central Government to immediately release fund of ₹ 2,027 crore which is long due. Hon. Chief Minister of Telangana, Shri K. Chandrashekar Rao, with an intention to make Gandhiji's 'Gram Swaraj' a reality, prepared a thirty-day action plan towards the development of villages in the State. He is working tirelessly towards achieving this goal. He sent Officers of the State Government and Elected Representatives of the State to the villages to understand the problems faced by the villagers. He also allocated around Rs.350 crore for this programme.

Sir, the funds granted under the 14th Finance Commission are also pending for disbursal. There is a scheme called Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF). This scheme is designed mainly to support the backward regions. Funds under this scheme have not been disbursed to the State of Telangana for the year 2013 and 2014. In the same way, funds against Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) for Mandals and Zila Parishads in Telangana are still pending. An approximate amount of Rs.450 crores is due under this scheme. Hon. Chief Minister of Telangana is working relentlessly for the development of Telangana and he has initiated many development programmes for the welfare of the State. Many more programmes are being conducted to support villages in the fields of Medicine and Education. As Nirmala Sitharaman, Hon. Minister for Finance is present in the House now, I request her, through you Sir, to release the funds". Thank you, Sir.

DR. BANDA PRAKASH (Telangana): Sir, I would like to associate myself with the Zero Hour mention made by the hon. Member.

SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR JOGINIPALLY (Telangana): Sir, I would also like to associate myself with the Zero Hour mention made by the hon. Member.

*English translation of the original speech made in Telugu.